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1. AT 20 JUNE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING, [REDACTED] WERE

JOINTLY TASKED WITH PRODUCING COORDINATED ASSESSMENT FOR

[REDACTED] OF WHAT OFFENSIVE ACTIONS ENEMY MAY BE ABLE TO  
UNDERTAKE (I. E., INTENTIONS PLUS CAPABILITIES) OVER NEXT TWO TO  
THREE WEEKS, I. E., FROM NOW THROUGH, SAY, 8 JULY.

2. [REDACTED] PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE FOLLOWING  
QUESTIONS ADDRESSED (THESE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS SUGGESTIVE  
AND ILLUSTRATIVE, NOT LIMITING OR EXHAUSTIVE).

A. WHAT SORT OF AN ATTACK NEXT AGAINST HUE CAN BE  
MOUNTED IN THIS TIME FRAME OR (FAILING THAT) WHAT SORT OF  
RECYCLED HIGH POINT CAN COMMUNISTS MOUNT IN MR 1?

B. CAN THEY HIT KONTUM AGAIN AND/OR INITIATE SHARPLY  
STEPPED UP ACTIVITY IN THE COASTAL LOWLANDS OF MR 2?

C. WHAT HARASSING ACTIONS, OR WORSE, CAN THE  
COMMUNISTS INITIATE AROUND PHUOC TUT, ALONG THE SAIGON RIVER

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CORRIDOR, ELSEWHERE IN MR 3 OR EVEN AGAINST SAIGON ITSELF?

D. WHERE ARE THE 5TH, 7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS NOW  
LOCATED, WHAT ARE THEIR CURRENT COMBAT CAPABILITIES AND WHAT  
ARE THEY UP TO?

E. WHAT CAN THE COMMUNISTS DO IN THE UPPER DELTA WITH  
ELEMENTS OF THE 5TH, INDEPENDENT REGIMENTS, OR OTHER NVA  
FORCES?

F. HOW MUCH OFFENSIVE POTENTIAL DO COMMUNIST FORCES  
HAVE IN THE LOWER DELTA AND HOW MUCH TROUBLE COULD THEY  
CAUSE?

G. CAN THE COMMUNISTS SPRING ANY MAJOR SURPRISES, SUCH  
AS REDIRECTING THEIR CURRENT MR 3 EFFORT TO MOUNT A SERIOUS  
THREAT AGAINST PHNOM PENH?

H. WHAT ARE ARVN'S CAPABILITIES FOR MOUNTING SERIOUS  
OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THIS TIME FRAME?

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TO MACV. SCENARIO IS THAT WE WILL GET YOUR RESPONSE IN OUR  
CHANNELS, [ ] WILL GET MACV'S IN THEIRS, THEN WE WILL SIT  
DOWN WITH [ ] AND PRODUCE A COORDINATED PAPER FOR  
SUBMISSION TO [ ]

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3. UNFORTUNATELY, FINAL PAPER HAS TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
COB FRIDAY, 23 JUNE, WHICH MEANS WE WILL NEED YOUR RESPONSE NO  
LATER THAN OUR OOB THURSDAY, 22 JUNE. REGRET THE SHORT FUSE,  
BUT WE DID NOT SET IT. LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION HOW AND TO WHAT  
EXTENT YOU WANT TO TOUCH BASE WITH MACV OR INFORM AMBASSADOR.

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